and whether Government have any scheme under consideration so that these women should start their own business/ industries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) Since food processing industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors, information in regard to the number or rural women employed in the food processing industries is not being maintained centrally. The Ministry is operating a scheme for assisting State government organisations, cooperatives, autonomous bodies, voluntary organisations, etc. for setting up of Food Processing Training Centres particularly in the rural areas for providing training to potential entrepreneurs including women in the techniques of production and marketing of food products and management of small food processing units. The implementing agencies are expected to make special efforts for involving women and unemployed youth as trainees. Of the 250 Centres proposed to be assisted during the Eighth Plan, assitance has already been provided for establishment of 42 such Centres since the beginning of the Eighth Plan.

India's share in World Production of fruits and vegetables

2768. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in world production of fruits and vegetables is 7 per cent and 11 per cent respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India processes less than 1 per cent of the total production in the country;

(c) what is the comparative figures of percentage in neighbouring countries in this regard; and

(d) what incentives Government propose to give to boost the processing of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As per available information, India's share in world production fruits and vegetables is 8.13% and 12.97% respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per available information, the total fruits and vegetables processed in Malaysia is 83% and in Phillipines 78%.

(d) Besides Government have placed development of processed food industry in the priority sector and delicenced most food processing industry. It has also provided fiscal concessions for the processed food products as well as capital goods for the processed food products. Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing various Plan schemes to seek provide assistance for setting up of units in the public/joint/cooperative sectors. In addition, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Horticulture Board also provide various assistances for post-harvest processing, exports, etc.

Fuel used by Deep-sea fishing Industry

2769. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recommendations or proposals have been conveyed to Finance Ministry to re-introduce the Central Excise Subsidy on fuel oil used by deep-sea fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if no recommendations were made what are the reasons therefor?